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SUBJECT: PIANIST RICHARD TETLEY-KARDOS

1. TETLEY-KARDOS VISIT TO MUSCAT WAS DEFINITE SUCCESS. HE PLAYED OUTSTANDING CLASSICAL CONCERT BEFORE APPROXIMATELY 220 INVITED GUESTS AT MUSCAT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL BALLROOM EVENING MARCH 21. CONCERT WAS HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WOLLE FOR MIXED AUDIENCE OF OMANIS AND EXPATRIATES AND, AMONG OTHERS, WAS ATTENDED BY ONE CABINET MINISTER AND SOME SENIOR PALACE ADVISERS. TETLEY-KARDOS PERFORMANCE WAS A MOST WORTHY MUSICAL FOLLOW-UP TO POST'S ONLY PREVIOUS MUSICAL EFFORT, THE MAY 1977 LOS ANGELES JUBILEE SINGERS' CONCERTS.

2. COOPERATION OF INTERCONTINENTAL MANAGER WAS INSTRUMENTAL, AS HE PROVIDED BALLROOM FREE OF CHARGE, HOSTED POST-CONCERT CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION FOR ABOUT 30 GUESTS AND A SMALLER POST-CONCERT DINNER FOR ARTIST AND FOUR OTHERS.

3. UNFORTUNATELY POST'S EFFORTS TO INTEREST MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN SCHEDULING A MARCH 22 DAYTIME CONCERT FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN FAILED, AS MINISTRY
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FELT IT WOULD BE SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF SUCH AN AUDIENCE. DURING TETLEY-KARDOS VISIT THERE AROSE POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL MARCH 22 PERFORMANCE FOR SULTAN QABOOS WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ABROAD, BUT IN THE END HM'S SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT THIS.

4. TETLEY-KARDOS HIMSELF WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE. HE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH AUDIENCE AND WITH INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE MET. HE READILY AGREED TO INTERVIEW BY OMAN RADIO'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SERVICE, AND WAS FLEXIBLE AND APPRCIATIVE OF EMBASSY'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM. WE RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR FUTURE CU PURPOSES.
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